

THE ORATORY—dedicated to THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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Parish Weekly Newsletter

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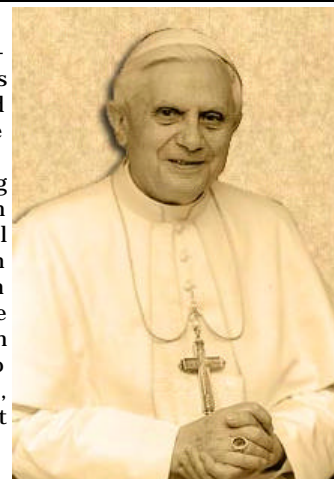


September 12th 2010: THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE BEATIFICATION OF CARDINAL NEWMAN

The Pope has stated that the most important aspect of his forthcoming visit to this country is the beatification of Cardinal Newman. This is in recognition of the enormous influence which our Cardinal has had both on the Pope personally and on the Church since his own lifetime which ended one hundred and twenty years ago.

The Pope will make the declaration that Cardinal Newman is among the Blessed in heaven shortly after the beginning of Mass next Sunday in Cofton Park. Those of you who will be there on the day know that you will be present at a truly historical moment. There will be several "firsts" on this occasion: Cardinal Newman will be the first Englishman, other than one of the martyrs, to be beatified since the Reformation. He will be the first person, and so far the only one, to be beatified by the present Pope in person. Pope Benedict does us all an enormous honour by agreeing to come to England to do this deed. From that moment next Sunday morning, Cardinal Newman will be known as "Blessed John Henry Newman", at least until the time, God willing, when he is canonised a Saint.



SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS AT THE ORATORY ON SUNDAY 19th SEPTEMBER

1. MASS AT THE ORATORY: Because of the Beatification Mass at Cofton at 10 a.m., followed by the Pope's personal visit to the Oratory, there will now be only TWO MASSES in church next Sunday: first, at 8 a.m. a Low Latin Mass in the Extraordinary Form, and secondly at 8.30 a.m. a Low Mass in English. Entry will be by the Plough & Harrow Road door only and as there may be a search, bags should not be brought in. There will be no Sunday evening Mass at all. N.B. The Saturday evening Vigil Mass will take place as usual at 5.45 p.m.

2. Please note that there will be no parking permitted in the Oratory Car Park for security reasons from Saturday evening until after the Pope has left. Therefore all who come to Mass by car will have to be prepared to find on-street parking spaces.

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR SEEING THE POPE ARRIVE AT THE ORATORY

3. Those who are *not* going to Cofton Park will be allowed to stand outside the front of the Newman Building (formerly St. Philip's College) on the Hagley Road to welcome the Pope as he arrives at the Oratory in the Popemobile.

4. Access to this area will be by ticket only. Tickets will be issued at the door of the Oratory House from Monday morning this week on a first-come, first-served basis.

5. Everyone will have to be in place by 11 a.m., about two hours before the Pope is due to arrive.

6. Toilet facilities and refreshments will be available at the Ivy Bush. Water and First Aid will also be available. Stewards will be on duty and clearly recognisable throughout the day, even after the Pope has left. We hope that there will be an opportunity on the day to buy papal flags to wave as the Pope passes by.

VISITS TO THE NEW SHRINE OF BLESSED JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

7. After the Pope has left the Oratory there will be a short interval while preparations are made for the faithful to visit the shrine and pray there to the new Blessed. Oratory Parishioners who have been outside the Newman Building will be first to be allowed into Church. Stewards will guide you. The same arrangements will hold on Sunday afternoon and Monday.

8. Priests will be available for confession throughout Sunday afternoon and all day Monday.

9. The exhibition in the Upper Cloister Hall, and the Repository (Piety Stall and Bookshop) in the Lower Cloister Hall will be open throughout the time of the public visits on Sunday and throughout Monday.

10. Visitors will be admitted to the Church on Sunday until 6 p.m. only. Thereafter the Church will be closed for the preparations to be made for Vespers at 7.30 p.m.

Sunday September 12th: The Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)

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| • 8.30 a.m. Low Mass | • 12.00 p.m. (Families with young children) |
| • 9.30 a.m. Latin Low Mass—1962 Missal | • 5.30 p.m. Sung Congregational English Mass |
| • 10.30 a.m. High Mass | • 7.30 p.m. Vespers and Benediction |

Liturgical Calendar

Year 2 of the Lectionary at Weekday Mass and Psalter Week 4 in the Divine Office

Monday to Friday: Masses at 7.30 a.m., 12.45 p.m. and 5.45 p.m. Rosary 7.45 p.m. (for Saturdays: see over)

Holy Hour: Each Weekday from 8 a.m. - 9 a.m.

Benediction on Tuesday at 8 p.m.

Confessions are heard from 12.30 p.m. and from 5.30 p.m. until the end of Mass.

Monday 13th September: St John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church. Memoria. (White)

- **Holy Hour 8 a.m. – 9 a.m.**

St John Chrysostom (C.347-407) Born at Antioch. He tried the monastic life but it ruined his health. He then became a priest and was soon famous throughout the East for his eloquent sermons which earned him the nickname 'Chrysostom' (golden-mouthed). In 398, he was appointed Patriarch of Constantinople, where he fearlessly criticised the Emperor's corrupt rule, and supported the weak and poor. His sycophantic, weak-minded fellow bishops had him exiled. But public opinion was so strong that he returned triumphantly. However, despite the Pope's fierce opposition, he was exiled again for his outspoken denunciations of vice in the royal court and the capital city.

Tuesday 14th September: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Feast. (Red)

- **Holy Hour 8 a.m. – 9 a.m.**
- **Benediction at 8 p.m.**

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross emphasises Our Lord's victory on the Cross rather than His sufferings. Both aspects are vital to our understanding of what Our Lord has done for us.

Wednesday 15th September: Our Lady of Sorrows (Formerly Our Lady of Ransom). Memoria. (White).

- **Holy Hour 8 a.m. – 9 a.m.**

Our Lady of Sorrows is fittingly celebrated on the day following the feast of her Son's being lifted high on the Cross. But we remember that it was precisely when she stood at the foot of the Cross that she accepted us as her children, for which we must never cease to be grateful.

Thursday 16th September: St Cornelius, Pope Martyr, and St Cyprian, Bishop & Martyr. Memoria. (Red)

- **Holy Hour 8 a.m. – 9 a.m.**

St Cornelius and St Cyprian (d. 253 & 258) These two saints are included in the Roman Canon of the Mass. Cyprian was a staunch supporter of Pope Cornelius who was opposed as he favoured a sensitive and forgiving approach to those who had lapsed and wanted to return to the Church. Both were martyred under the Emperor Decius.

Friday 17th September: Feria. (Green). Optional memoria of St Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church. Memoria. (White)

- **Holy Hour 8 a.m. – 9 a.m.**

St Robert Bellarmine (1542-1621) An Italian scholar and Jesuit, he became an "Apologist", one who defends Catholic Doctrine against its opponents. Several of his writings were published in English, some secretly. He became a theological adviser to several Popes, but his advice to his friend Galileo when he was in trouble for confusing science and scripture, was sadly ignored.

Saturday 18th September: Our Lady on Saturday. (White); or Feria. (Green);

- **Low Masses at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.**
- **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8.30—10.45 a.m.**
- **Confessions from 11 a.m. to 12 noon & from 5.30 p.m.**
- **First Mass of Sunday (Twenty-fifth Sunday of the Year) at 5.45 p.m.**

September 19th: the Twenty-fifth Sunday of the Year: (Green)

Mass & Service Times:

- **8.00 a.m. Latin Low Mass 1962 Missal**
- **8.30 a.m. Low Mass**

PLEASE NOTE ENTRY TO THESE MASSES WILL BE VIA PLOUGH & HARROW ROAD ENTRANCE ONLY

THERE WILL BE NO ACCESS TO THE CAR PARK OR LOOS

- **7.30 p.m. Solemn Vespers and Benediction of Blessed John Henry Newman**

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE BEATIFICATION OF BLESSED JOHN HENRY NEWMAN ON MONDAY EVENING Sept. 20th AT 6.30 p.m.

Please pray for the sick: Miles Drew, Ben Zissman, Brenda Molloy, Elizabeth Priday, John Carter, Jaqueline Packham, Josephine Spooner, Carolyn Knight, Nick Usher-Somers, Ute Bowyer, Thelma Havelin, May Colquhoun, Michael McCann, Philip McCann and Barbara Jarvis.

Of your charity please pray for those who have died recently: Carl Briggs; **and of the souls of those whose anniversaries occur about now:** Fr Peter Allen, Mike Marshall, Bernadette and Margaret Ivess, Nellie McGough, Mary Clarkson, Anna Stokes and Ivy Coutts

Collections last week:

The Twenty-third Sunday: 5th September, 2010

Offertory: £1,585

Second: Cardinal Newman's Shrine: £1,234

Separate Donations: Cardinal Newman's shrine: £2,715

Very many thanks

TODAY

THE SECOND COLLECTION will be for the continuing expenses of the preparation of Cardinal Newman's shrine.

THE PIETY STALL **Cardinal Newman medals are on sale this weekend as is the Beatification Authorised Biography of Blessed John Henry Newman**

THIS WEEK

There will be a HOLY HOUR from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. each weekday morning to pray for the success of The Beatification and the Pope's visit.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT in the Cloister Chapel will **not** take place this week this Wednesday or next.

VOLUNTEER STEWARDS, i.e. **both** those who have kindly offered their services to guard the Church and direct visitors to Cardinal Newman's shrine on Sunday 19th September (after the Pope's visit) **and** those who are prepared to act as stewards at weekends regularly (not necessarily frequently) thereafter, are invited to attend a second meeting in the Lower Cloister Hall this Wednesday at 7.30 p.m.

LEGION OF MARY now meet at 8pm on Wednesdays (in the Oratory House)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The NEWMAN CONFERENCE Saturday 18th at the ICC from 9 a.m.—4 p.m. The cost for the day, is £80 (£45 concessions). Lunch, and a copy of the official Newman Biography is included in the cost. To book: 0121 780 3333, or at www.thsh.co.uk

A SPECIAL PERFORMANCE OF 'THE DREAM OF GERONTIUS' (Cardinal Newman's great poem, set to music by Elgar) **on the eve of the Beatification, next Saturday, 18th September**, will take place at the Town Hall at 5.30 p.m. It will be performed on period instruments by the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment with Ex Cathedra. For tickets: Town Hall Box Office 0121 780 3333.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 19TH

THE POPE'S VISIT

MAGNIFICAT: The complete Handbook for the Pope's visit is available at the back of the Church today and through the week. Please take one. If you are going to Cofton Park you will certainly need one of these books. If you are watching any or all of the events on TV or the Internet, it will be a useful guide to what is happening. The books are free, but to defray the expense of production and distribution, a donation of c. **£2 per copy** has been suggested by the Bishops' Conference.

THE POPE AT THE ORATORY: When our Holy Father comes to the Oratory straight after the beatification, he will be the first pilgrim to pray in the new shrine in St Philip's Chapel. The visit will be very short **and it will be completely private.**

THE NEW SHRINE: Very special thanks to all of you who have helped set up Blessed John Henry Newman's shrine, making it ready to receive his relics. Inevitably, the cost has exceeded the original estimate, so we would be most grateful for additional funds. **For all donations, we would strongly urge those of you who are taxpayers to complete a Gift Aid form (to be found at the doors of the church) as we can increase your donation by claiming money back from Revenue & Customs.**

NEW WEEKDAY SCHEDULE. Please note that after the Pope's visit there will be a few changes to **weekday service times**. **The only weekday Mass time to be changed will be Saturday evening Mass which will be at 5.30 p.m. (not 5.45 as presently). Sunday Vespers will be at 6.30 p.m., (not 7.30 as presently). Full details will be available from next week.**

